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SUBJECT: VENUE FOR NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

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WE HAD EARLIER CHECKED WITH THE FONOFF ABOUT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN JUNE, INDICATING TO THEM ON AN INFORMAL BASIS THAT WE EXPECTED IT WOULD LIKELY BE HOSTED BY THE US IN STUTTGART. WE SPOKE AGAIN TO OUR CONTACT (STRENZIOK, MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS) ON APRIL 24 AND HE OBSERVED THAT WHILE THE FONOFF WOULD NORMALLY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A MEETING, ONE THIS SUMMER, PARTICULARLY IN JUNE, MIGHT RAISE PROBLEMS WHICH THE FONOFF WOULD LIKE TO AVOID IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. A NEW FRG FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO ASSUME OFFICE THIS SUMMER AND THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD LOGICALLY BE EXPECTED TO MEET HIM PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING. STRENZIOK, HOWEVER, EXPECTED PROBLEMS WOULD LIKELY ARISE IN SCHEDULING A MEETING, PARTICULARLY IF IT PROVED NECESSARY FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO LEAVE BONN, SUCH AS WAS THE CASE IN 1971. THEREFORE, FROM A FONOFF POINT OF VIEW, IT WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PREFERABLE THAT THE MEETING THIS SUMMER BE HELD IN

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